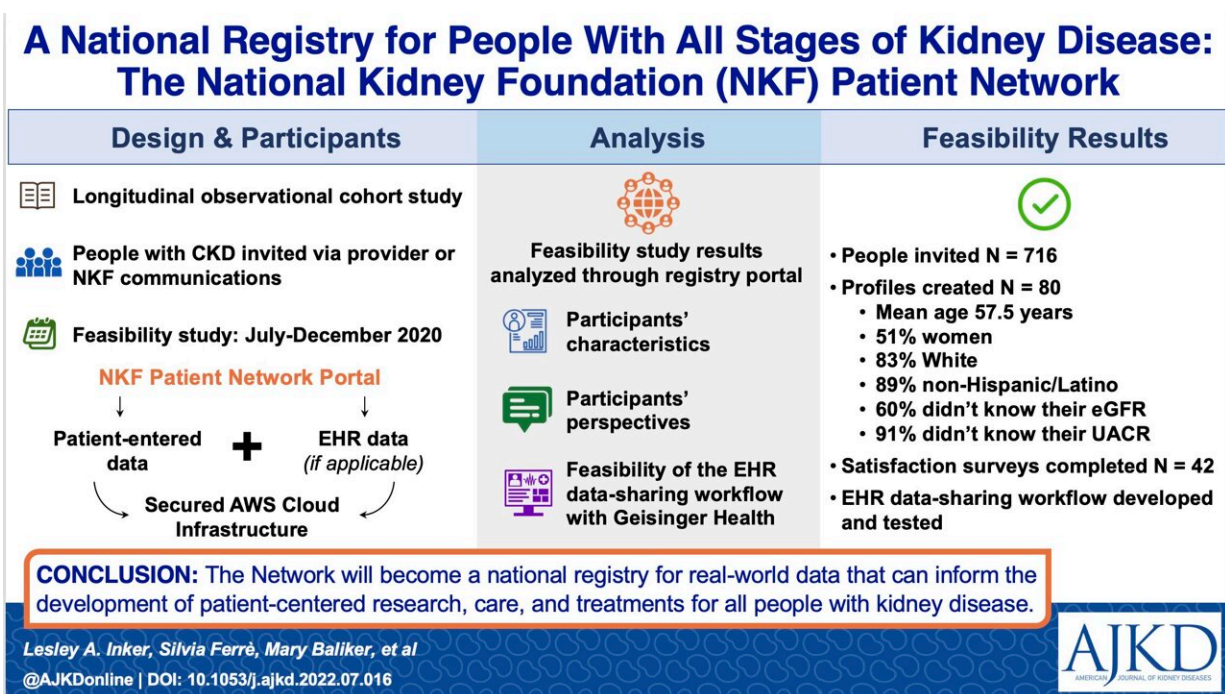


Low awareness of kidney disease remains a challenge for clinical trial recruitment

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In this feasibility study, researchers found low awareness of kidney disease for many participants and a challenge in recruiting vulnerable populations. Visual Abstract for "A National Registry for People With All Stages of Kidney Disease: The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Patient Network" by Lesley A. Inker et al (AJKD, 2022). Credit: Inker et al (AJKD, 2022)

Among 80 participants of the NKF Patient Network, a national U.S. kidney disease registry, 60% were not aware of their kidney function

level.

The NKF Patient Network (NKFPatientNetwork.org) is a nationwide kidney disease patient registry created to improve the lives of people with kidney disease through research, [clinical care](#), and drug development. The network has a secure portal for participants to share their experiences and data, and for providers to upload [electronic health records](#) upon patient consent. The network also offers individualized education and support.

In this feasibility study, published in the *American Journal of Kidney Diseases (AJKD)*, researchers found low awareness of kidney disease for many participants and a challenge in recruiting vulnerable populations. These are short-term goals of the network following the national launch in February 2021. Overall, the network will facilitate real-world data collection to inform the development of patient-centered research, care, and treatments for people with [kidney disease](#).

More information: Lesley A. Inker et al, A National Registry for People With All Stages of Kidney Disease: The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Patient Network, *American Journal of Kidney Diseases* (2022). [DOI: 10.1053/j.ajkd.2022.07.016](https://doi.org/10.1053/j.ajkd.2022.07.016)

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